

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Elliot, et al. (U.S. Patent 6,614,781). The applicant respectfully disagrees. The Examiner has equated “computer telephone devices supporting collaboration application programs” with col. 2 , lines 30 to 45 of Elliot. The present application specifies that desktop collaboration programs offer enhanced communication between one or more people via their desktop computers. The term “co-location” is used to describe the capability of these applications. Nowhere does the cited art provide for the collaboration feature. Since the Examiner uses the same citation to anticipate corresponding features of claims 2 to 12 and 16 to 27, the applicant contends that these claims are also not anticipated.

Having regard to the Examiner’s allegations that claim 13 is anticipated, the applicant again disagrees. Nowhere in the cited reference is a “collaborative control means” disclosed. The applicant’s previous arguments regarding claim 1 are equally pertinent here. The cited excerpt is not directed towards “collaboration” as defined in the specification. Similarly, these arguments apply equally to the allegations of anticipation of claims 14, 15 and 28-30.

The applicant takes this opportunity to correct the defect in the antecedent basis of claim 13.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, it is submitted all claims pending (1-30) are now in condition for allowance. The foregoing comments do not require unnecessary additional search or examination.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of the case, he/she is hereby authorized to contact the undersigned as noted below.

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